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1. Over the three years since NCID-15 was issued (13 June 1951) a need has been felt among the IAC agencies for a more refined delineation of responsibilities for the production of foreign economic intelligence.
2. In an attempt to meet this need and the responsibility for coordinating intelligence in such a way as to prevent unnecessary duplication, the Director of Central Intelligence proposes to issue an intelligence directive, NCID 15/1, "Production of Economic Intelligence," a draft of which is attached for your consideration.
3. It will be noted that Paragraph 1 sets forth principles in terms the IAC agreed to in NCID 3/4, "Production of Scientific Intelligence." Paragraph 2 assigns primary areas of responsibility, in geographic and/or functional terms, while at the same time recognizing that the dividing lines can never be sharply delineated. Paragraph 3 merely adds to the present functions of the Economic Intelligence Committee that of coordinating external research on economic intelligence. That there has been considerable duplication of effort in this field is apparent from a study of NIC-6-13, "Report of Government Sponsored External Economic Research Projects on the Soviet Bloc." Early action is desirable in order to meet the criticism to which the intelligence community has been exposed on this score by the Congress.
4. It is suggested that the attached draft be considered in principle at an early meeting of the IAC.

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